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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting six new cases today in our jurisdiction with a primary residence in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (1), and Emmet (4) counties. Today we are reporting case investigation information for six confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 13th - August 14th. The information known at this time is below:

- All six cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 2 cases
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 6 cases; Asymptomatic: 0 cases
- One case linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 10 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following locations were identified as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Dockside Torch Lake, Bellaire on August 6th from 12 – 9 pm, and August 7th from 5:30 – 9:30 pm
- Chandler's, Petoskey on August 7th, 8th, and 9th from 10 am – 4:30 pm
- The Back Lot, Petoskey on August 7th from 7 – 9 pm
- Vernales Restaurant, Harbor Springs on August 8th from 6 – 8 pm

All businesses have been contacted and are working with the health department to ensure their employees and customers are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

Today Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced a new program in partnership with Ford Motor Company and FEMA called the MI Mask Aid Project. This partnership will allow for 4 million masks to be given directly to those who need it most. The masks will be given to local community action agencies, homeless shelters, Native American tribes and agencies, as well as low income schools. If you would like to get one of the free masks, you can contact the state's COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 or the local community action agency.

“Even though masks and face coverings are required statewide in specific settings, and we know their role in significantly reducing the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19, some people still may not have access to a proper mask or face coverings,” shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “The actions of the

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State of Michigan, Ford Motor Company, and FEMA are extremely beneficial to our populations most at risk who also may not otherwise have access to a mask or face covering, and for that, we are grateful for this new program in our state.”

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 39, Charlevoix – 49, Emmet – 64, Otsego – 115
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 27, Charlevoix – 34, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 99
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 91,140 cases and 6,300 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by [liking and following our Facebook page](#) and visiting our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#). To locate a testing facility, visit the [Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website](#).

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